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UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. Serial Number **09/701,023**

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Group Art Unit **1638**

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Title: Control of Sporocyte or Meiocyte Formation in Plants

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 26, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and response.

Under the provisions of § 1.136(a), Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 26, 2004 for two months to October 26, 2004.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.